



**IN THE  
UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**IN RE APPLICATION OF:** Kleemann et al.

**CASE:** OST-011102

**SERIAL NO.:** 09/863,002

**FILED ON:** May 22, 2001

**FOR:** LITTROW GRATING AND USES  
OF A LITTROW GRATING

COMMENTS ON  
STATEMENTS FOR  
REASONS FOR  
ALLOWANCE

COMMISSIONER  
FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**ATTENTION OF:**

Art Unit 2872

**EXAMINER:**

Amari, Alessandro V.

Dear Sir:

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 50-0545.

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENTS OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

In the Examiner's Statements of Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner states:

Claim 1 is allowable for at least the reason that the prior art fails to teach or reasonably suggest, a counter-flank having at least two substantially plane area sections that "are arranged such that if parallel light, which has a direction of propagation perpendicular to the blaze flank, impinges onto the grating, the counter-flank is not exposed to parallel light" as set forth in the claim combination. Claims 2-12 are allowable based upon their dependence on claim 1.

(Reasons For Allowance, Page 2, # 3)

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It appears from a review of the Examiner's comments on Reasons for Allowance that certain explanatory verbiage was inadvertently omitted. Applicant has amended the Reasons for Allowance above to include the explanatory language in underline.

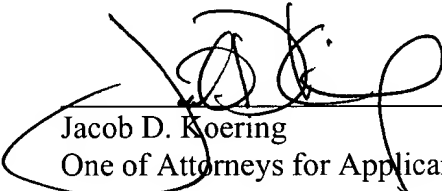
Entry of the above comments into the prosecution history of the present application is respectfully requested.

Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned, at (312) 226-1818, is respectfully invited.

Respectfully submitted,

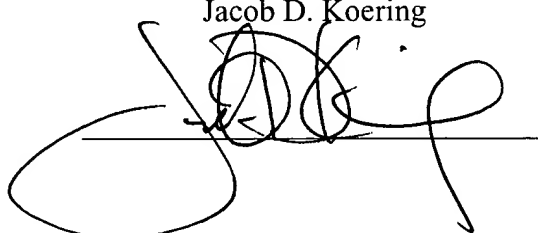
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